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**Early Education**

Early education is extremely important because it gives us the foundation for the rest of our education. I loved elementary school and for the past two years I worked at an after school program for elementary school children and taught them all of the things I remembered. One thing I remember from elementary school is how kind and helpful the teachers were. I remember them teaching us a lot about keeping all of our things organized. I also remember doing a lot of group work in elementary school. Most importantly elementary school taught me that learning can be fun.

All of my teachers in elementary school were very patient and helpful. You could ask them any question without feeling dumb. They were always there to explain anything you didn’t understand. My elementary school teachers also taught me how important it was to talk to your teacher before you get into trouble. I learned that our teachers really are there to help us and that they do want us to do well even if it does not seem like it sometimes. This was important especially now because our teachers no longer come to us when we aren’t doing well we need to go to them.

I also learned a lot about organization in elementary school. We each had a cubby with our name on it where we would keep our backpacks, lunch boxes, and jackets while we were in class. Everyone also had a little mail box where our teacher would put our homework for the night and any notices that needed to be brought home. We quickly learned that all of the papers in our mail box must immediately go into the “take home folder” so that our parents would see it. The two pockets in the “take home folder” were labeled “to do” and “done”. This way every day in class when our teacher collected the folders she could see that we did our homework.

Labeling was the key to keeping things organized. Everything we had was labeled including our desks. This made it harder for things to get lost or misplaced. All of this organization was really helpful in learning good study habits. Studying was a lot easier when you had everything you needed in one place.

We also did a lot of group work in elementary school. Our teachers would put us into groups of two or three people and we would work together on a project. We usually were not put in a group with someone we were friends with so that we could get to know some of our other classmates. Working in groups was important because everyone should know how to be a team player and work together. It is also important to see how other people complete tasks because the way other people do projects is usually different from the way you would do it. We still do a lot of group projects and I like them better because I like being part of a team. It is really great when a group of people can work together to create something that is amazing.

I remember that elementary school was a lot of fun. A lot of times we would learn by playing a game or singing a song. Sometime you forget when you are sitting at a desk or in a lecture hall and taking notes that learning can be fun. When we would study for tests our teachers would create review games for us. I still did this in high school. Whenever my friends and I had a really big test we would get together and make a review game to help us study.

Elementary school is a very important step in our education because it provides us with the fundamentals we need for the rest of our academic careers. Without a good early education we would not have excellent study and organizational skills. We also probably would not be very good at working with other people to complete a task. But most importantly we would not remember that learning can be fun.